

Fiscal Services Division Legislative Services Agency Fiscal Note

SF 2216 – Boat Registration Fees (LSB 5471 SZ)

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Description

Senate File 2216 changes the boat registration period from two years to three years and makes the following changes that impact the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund:

- Increases the biennial registration fee for boats with no motor from \$5.00 (\$2.50 per year) to a triennial fee of \$12.00 (\$4.00 per year).
- Creates a triennial \$22.50 (\$7.50 per year) registration fee for boats with a motor that are less than 16 feet in length.
- Creates a triennial \$37.50 (\$12.50 per year) registration fee for boats with a motor that are 16 feet but less than 26 feet in length.
- Creates a triennial \$60.00 (\$20.00 per year) registration fee for boats with a motor that are 26 feet or more but less than 40 feet in length.
- Creates a triennial \$112.50 (\$37.50 per year) registration fee for boats with a motor that are 40 feet in length or longer.
- Creates a triennial \$37.50 (\$12.50 per year) registration fee for personal watercraft.
- Establishes an annual \$10.00 fee for a boat pilot license and an annual \$20.00 fee for a boat engineer.
- Defines the qualifications of a peace officer and allows a peace officer or representative of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to inspect boat for hire or offered for hire at any time.
- Requires boat operators that are between 12 and 17 years of age to complete the Watercraft Safety Course offered by the DNR.
- Specifies any operator of a vessel that has 10 or more horsepower, and is under the age of 12, must be accompanied by a responsible person 18 years or older.
- Specifies revenue received from the fee increase will be used for administration and enforcement of programs that control aquatic invasive species, monitor and improve water quality at the State's public lakes, and enforcement of navigation laws and water safety.

Assumptions

1. Triennial gross receipts from boat registration fee increases to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund are estimated to increase \$866,000 for FY 2005 and every third year thereafter.
2. Annual gross receipts from the sale of 85 boat pilot and 85 boat engineer licenses are estimated to be approximately \$2,500.
3. Estimated increase in expenditures for the mandatory Watercraft Safety Course is \$74,000 for FY 2005, \$101,000 for FY 2006, and \$99,000 for FY 2007.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated fiscal impact of SF 2216 is an increase in revenue of \$866,000 to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund for FY 2005 and every third year thereafter. The estimated annual increase

for boat pilot and boat engineer licenses to the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund is expected to be \$2,500. The estimated annual increase in expenditures to the Department of Natural Resources for the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund is \$74,000 for FY 2005, \$101,000 for FY 2006, and \$99,000 for FY 2007.

Source

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